

TO: Interested Parties
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SUBJECT: Summary of 2004 Washington State Energy Code Emergency Rule on SEER-13 and HSPF-7.7

The Washington State Building Code Council (WSBCC) has adopted revisions to the Washington State Energy Code (WSEC) to bring the WSEC into compliance with the National Appliance Energy Conservation Act (NAECA). The key effect of the changes is to revise the cooling equipment efficiencies to be SEER-13.0 minimum and to revise the heat pump efficiencies to be HSPF-7.7 minimum for equipment with cooling capacity <65,000 Btuh manufactured on or after 23 January 2006.

The changes were adopted by emergency rule by the WSBCC on 1 December 2005 and filed with the Washington State Code Reviser's Office on 6 December 2005. Emergency rules are effective immediately upon filing. The WSBCC website (<http://www.sbcc.wa.gov/>) contains the language. (The revisions were formally published in Washington State Register 05-24-087).

This document contains a summary of the emergency rule changes only. You can download an electronic version of this summary and also obtain information on the Seattle amendments to the Washington State Energy Code at the Seattle Energy Code website at: <http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/energy>.

<u>Section</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Summary</u>
402.1.3	Std.design eff.	Establishes the heating equipment efficiencies in Section 1411 as the baseline for systems analysis for Group R occupancy. <i>(Removes conflicts with NAECA.)</i>
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